

Timely Tidbits ...**Meet the Candidates**

A "Meet the Candidates" program will be held at the Romulus Community Schools' administrative offices (36540 Grant Road) on Monday, April 7, at 6 p.m.

Carole Bales, executive secretary to Superintendent Carl Weiss, reports that all five Board of Education candidates – Carl Brooks, Danielle Funderburg, Thomas Kuderik, Derran Shelby, and Jay Williams – have been invited to the event.

The candidates will vie for two available Board seats in the election set for Tuesday, May 6.

City-wide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual City-wide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for May 29–June 1.)

To register for a free sale permit – and have your address included in free newspaper advertising for the event – stop in at the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation (located in the Romulus Athletic Center at 35765 Northline) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. Residents registering after the deadline will receive a free permit, but may not be included in advertisements.

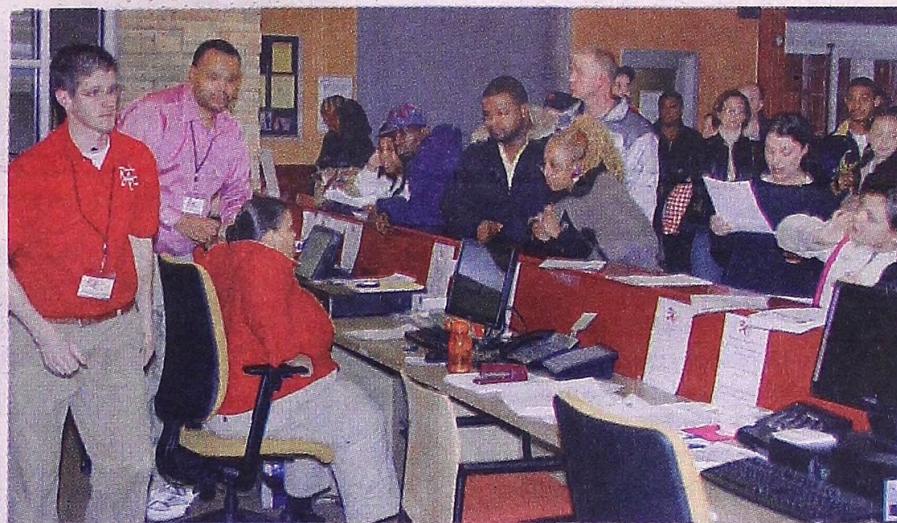
For info, call 734-941-8665.

WCAA Postpones Vote on Airport Master Plan

Opponents of a proposed Master Plan being considered by the Wayne County Airport Authority Board of Directors were relieved by the Board's March 20 decision to postpone its vote on the matter.

Romulus officials – who say the plan provides for the expansion of Detroit Metro Airport at the expense of about 3,500 residents on the City's south side – hope the delay will give them time to work out an alternative less devastating to their community's population and tax base.

The WCAA Board is expected to take up the Master Plan issue once again at its May 22 meeting, which will be held at the Westin Hotel (McNamara Terminal) at 1:30 p.m.

Athletic Center's Opening Gets Enthusiastic Response

Romulus Athletic Center staffers were kept busy registering new members on April 1 – the day that the facility officially opened.

The Romulus Athletic Center's official opening on April 1 drew numerous area residents, who came to tour the beautiful facility and sign up for membership.

Some of the many attractive features of the new, 89,000-square-foot complex are:

- an indoor water park with five pools, including a splash pool with zero-depth entrance, a 240-foot "lazy river," a lap pool with diving well, and a two-story water slide;
- a seasonal outdoor pool with zero-depth entrance;
- a fitness center with treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, Nautilus® stair climbers, various bicycles, and free weights;
- a 1,200-foot dance studio with hardwood floor, mirrored walls, and ballet bars;
- an elevated indoor track;
- two gymnasiums;
- a rock climbing wall;
- a teen center;
- banquet facilities and meeting rooms;
- a day-care area.

Membership fee schedules are:

Romulus Residents

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$225
- Boarding Pass (family): \$400
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$375
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$550
- Individual Day Pass: \$7

Romulus Senior Citizens (25% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$168.75
- Boarding Pass (family**): \$300
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$281.25
- Boarding Pass Plus (family**): \$412.50
- Individual Day Pass: \$5.25

Romulus Residents Employed by the City of Romulus (20% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$180
- Boarding Pass (family): \$320

- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$300
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$440

Near-Residents (Belleville, Taylor, Wayne, Westland, and townships of Brownstown, Huron, and Van Buren)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$287.50
- Boarding Pass (family): \$525
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$437.50
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$675
- Individual Day Pass: \$10

Near-Resident Seniors (25% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$215
- Boarding Pass (family**): \$395
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$325
- Boarding Pass Plus (family**): \$510
- Individual Day Pass: \$6.75

Near-Residents Employed by the City of Romulus (20% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$230
- Boarding Pass (family): \$420
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$350
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$540

Nonresidents

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$350
- Boarding Pass (family): \$650
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$500
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$800
- Individual Day Pass: \$10

Nonresident Seniors (25% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$262.50
- Boarding Pass (family**): \$487.50
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$375
- Boarding Pass Plus (family**): \$600
- Individual Day Pass: \$7.50

Nonresidents Employed by the City of Romulus (20% discount*)

- Boarding Pass (individual): \$280
- Boarding Pass (family): \$520
- Boarding Pass Plus (individual): \$400
- Boarding Pass Plus (family): \$640

*discounts cannot be combined

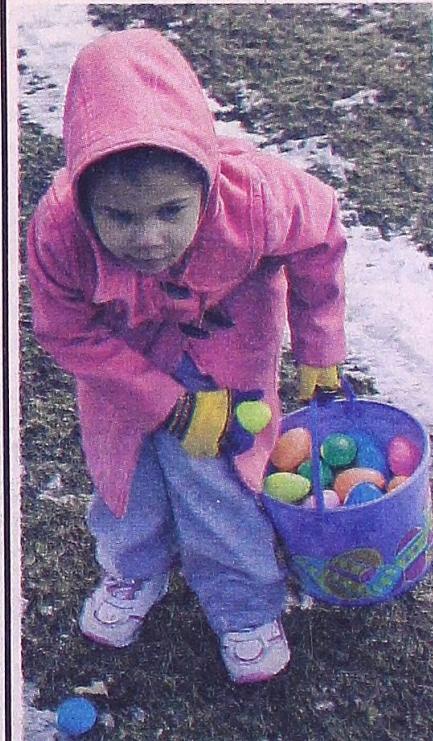
**all members must be age 55 or older

Note that Boarding Pass Plus members receive all Boarding Pass privileges plus the following:

- free drop-in day-care;
- 10 free guest passes (a value of up to \$100) annually;
- generous discounts on all classes;
- priority registration for leagues, classes, clinics, and programs.

To give everyone a chance to see the new center and try out some of its features, Rink Management (the operating company retained by the City) will hold a Grand Opening on Saturday, April 26. This free event – open to the public – will allow those who attend to use most RAC facilities. Other attractions will include a health fair, vendor offerings, and more.

The Romulus Athletic Center – located at 35765 Northline – is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 734-942-2223. □

Happy Hunting!

As dauntless as mail carriers, about 200 youngsters and their families braved snow and cold to take part in the annual City of Romulus Easter Egg Hunt on March 22. Thankfully, conditions at the hunt site (the park behind the Romulus Senior Center) were greatly improved by the efforts of City Department of Public Works employees, who cleared the area for the little ones.

Guest Commentary

Paying for Reconstruction in Iraq

By US Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

During the five years of war in Iraq, the United States government has spent approximately half a trillion dollars. That funding includes billions of dollars devoted to reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure, training Iraqi security forces, and rebuilding Iraq's economy.

But while American taxpayers have been funding Iraq's recovery, reports indicate that the Iraqi government has accrued billions of dollars of assets that sit in bank accounts around the world.

At the outset of the Iraq War in March 2003, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz was asked whom he expected would pay for the rebuilding of Iraq. He answered, "There's a lot of money to pay for this. It doesn't have to be U.S. taxpayer money. And it starts with the assets of the Iraqi people ... the oil revenues of that country could bring between 50 and 100 billion dollars over the course of the next two or three years.... We are dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction and relatively soon."

This assessment was correct in part: the U.S. State Department estimates that Iraq oil sales garnered revenues of \$41 billion in 2007. With oil prices on the rise, it looks possible that they will collect \$60 billion in 2008. But despite billions of dollars in revenues, these funds have not been spent on Iraqi reconstruction as hoped.

Recently I was joined by my colleague on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia, in a request for an inquiry into Iraqi oil revenues and the funding of reconstruction in Iraq.

Our conversations with both Iraqis and Americans during visits to Iraq, as well as

official U.S. government and unofficial media reports, have convinced us that the Iraqi Government is not doing nearly enough to provide essential services and improve the quality of life of its citizens.

In fact, we believe that it has been overwhelmingly U.S. taxpayer money that has funded Iraq reconstruction over the last five years, despite Iraq raking in billions of dollars in oil revenue over that time period. Much of that revenue appears to be deposited in non-Iraqi banks.

We asked the U.S. Comptroller General, who as head of the Government Accountability Office is charged with investigating how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars, to report back to us on how much oil revenue Iraq has collected since the start of the war, how much Iraq and the U.S. have spent on Iraqi reconstruction, including developing Iraqi security forces and spurring economic development, and how much money the Iraqi government currently has deposited in banks.

Finally, we want to know why the Iraqi Government has not spent more of its oil revenue on providing essential services for the Iraqi people.

It does not make sense for taxpayers in Michigan and across America to pour money into Iraq, accruing billions of dollars of additional debt that must be paid by our children and grandchildren, while the Iraqi government refuses to spend its money to protect and improve the life of its own citizens.

Every taxpayer dollar should be spent wisely, as should every dollar of Iraqi oil revenue. We oppose an arrangement that spends American funds on Iraqi reconstruction and allows the Iraqi government to avoid committing its own financial resources to build a future for the Iraqi people. □

HIGGERSON & NEAL Funeral Home

Roberts Brothers Chapel • 734-697-9400

209 W. Main St. • Belleville, MI 48111

James L. Higgerson, Manager

Professional, Affordable Full Service Funeral Home

See our Price List on our Web site

www.hnfhome.com

Serving Romulus and Surrounding Communities with Pride

MURRAY A. DUNCAN, JR ATTORNEY AT LAW

- Bankruptcy • Drunk Driving •
- Real Estate • Divorce •
- Personal Injury •
- Workman's Compensation •

— ANY LEGAL MATTER —

10000 South Wayne Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174

941-5025



Crane

FUNERAL HOME

WILLIAM A. CRANE
36885 GODDARD ROAD
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174
PHONE 734-941-9200

COMPLETE LINE OF
MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

the little paper

P.O. Box 74038 • Romulus, MI 48174-0038

Phone: 734-941-1907 • Fax: 734-992-2052 • E-mail: thelittlepaper@comcast.net

Business Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

the little paper is published biweekly by Nite-Lite Graphics, P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, Michigan 48174-0038.

Nite-Lite Graphics and *the little paper* are owned and operated by Evelyn H. Atkins.

the little paper invites individuals and organizations to submit articles and letters that may be of interest to its readers; however, *the little paper* is not responsible for the content of such material, and the opinions and views expressed by the writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or staff. *the little paper* reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication; however, since material submitted for "Letters to the Editor," "Local Commentary," and similar columns may be printed verbatim, inaccuracies, misspellings, and grammatical errors in these columns may be the responsibility of the writer, and not of the composition department of *the little paper*. All letters, commentaries, and other submissions must be signed, and must include a telephone number so that their authenticity can be verified.

We are sorry, but we cannot guarantee the return of any photograph submitted to us, although we will make every attempt to do so.

the little paper reserves the right to run special advertising rates for each area covered by its distribution without effect on normal contractual rates.

the little paper will furnish "personal" (nonbusiness) advertisements, free of charge, to residents in its distribution area on a "space available" basis.

While every effort is made to insure that advertisement copy is error-free, *the little paper* is not responsible for problems resulting from typographical errors which may appear in any advertisement, and limits its liability to the advertiser at the cost of the ad.

NITE-LITE GRAPHICS

(The Late) DAVID A. ATKINS

EVELYN H. ATKINS

KRISTI STEPHENS

MARY E. CLARK

PATRICK MEYERS

Publisher

Founder

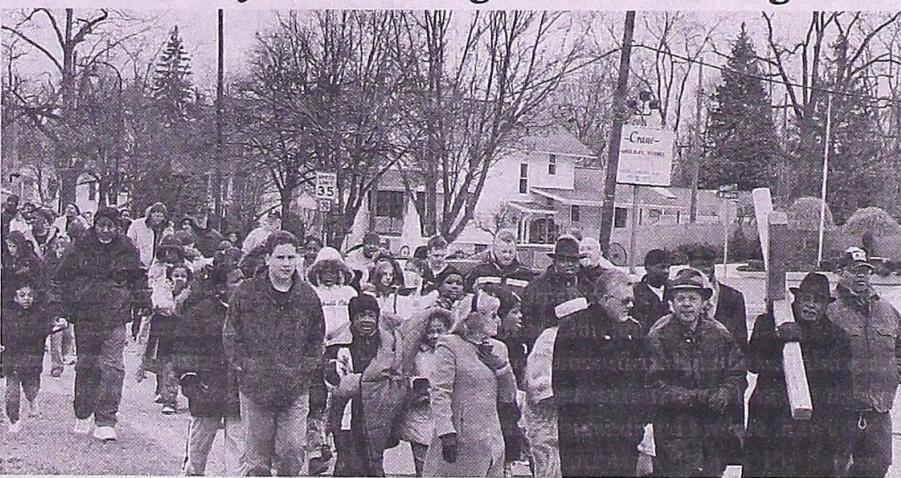
General Manager

Editor

"Senior News" Columnist

Director of Advertising Sales

Good Friday Walk Brings Christians Together



Pastors of the Romulus Christian Ministerial Association, members of their congregations, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and other local government officials joined together for a Good Friday Walk on March 21. Following prayers at Romulus Historical Park, the group carried a cross through downtown Romulus, ending their trek at Romulus Wesleyan Church, where worship was concluded with sermons by local ministers.

Hello, I'm Danielle Funderburg

Quality education and services are essential to our community
Wise and fair budget decisions are vital to our success
I'm actively involved with the schools and the community
I'm a college graduate, I've been married for 17 years
and I have two children in our school district

Vote for me on Tuesday, May 6th
Spread the word! **Danielle**
FUNDERBURG
ROMULUS SCHOOL BOARD

Paid for by Danielle Funderburg for Romulus Community School Board #154429, 39047 Buckingham Dr, Romulus, MI 48174

Capitol Update

"No Worker Left Behind" Program Is Among Top Priorities for House Democrats

By State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood,
22nd District of Michigan

In keeping with our goal to complete the State's budget by July, the House made significant progress in passing our share of the first round in budget-related bills before the spring recess. Of the bills that were passed, one of the most important components is the designation of \$40 million to the "No Worker Left Behind" program. This \$40 million of State funds would supplement the \$37-million Federal allocation, and will be paid for by the refinancing of State bond debt. This money is critical for helping unemployed workers find retraining and educational opportunities.

The need for this additional funding is clear: 11,000 workers are currently on "No Worker Left Behind" waiting lists because overwhelming demand for the program exhausted Federal funds. About 18,000 workers have been enrolled, and the \$37 million will allow the program to help wait-listed workers and new applicants.

I urge the Senate to fund this program, and I urge Congress to further fund retraining programs for Michigan workers whose manufacturing jobs were lost to globalization, downsizing, and company closures.

Hopgood Supports Airport Authority's Decision To Delay Vote on Expansion

I am happy to learn that the Wayne County Airport Authority has decided to wait to vote on the plan to expand Detroit Metropolitan Airport until its next meeting in May. This extension offers the opportunity for the Airport Authority to continue working with the residents and City of Romulus officials, as well as neighboring cities, to reach an agreeable solution.

I received numerous calls and e-mails from Romulus residents expressing their worry over the displacement the expansion would force upon residents, existing businesses, and an elementary school, as well as over the impact on city-wide property values, potential loss of City revenue, and increases in noise disturbance. I and several of my House and Senate colleagues sent a letter to the Airport Authority asking that voting be delayed until more information is given to the public about the anticipated effects of the expansion, and until more dialogue is had on how to lessen such effects.

The commitment of city officials and of the Airport Authority to both the local needs of the community and the economic needs of the region are evident, and give me every confidence that their work over the next two months will see a mutually beneficial outcome.

House Urges Congress To Pass Foreclosure Prevention Act

Hoping for a better Federal response to the foreclosure crisis facing Michigan and much of our country, the House adopted House Resolution 306 and House Concurrent Resolution 78, urging Congress and the President to pass and sign the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. If passed by Congress, this act would provide \$4 billion in block grants to help rehabilitate areas hardest-hit by foreclosures; \$10 billion in state-issued tax-exempt bonds whose proceeds would go toward refinancing adjustable rate mortgages; and \$200 million in pre-foreclosure counseling to help families avoid foreclosure.

By targeting assistance to families at risk of losing their homes, and to communities suffering from high foreclosure rates and declining property values, this legislation offers real solutions to our homeowners and our neighborhoods.

Legislature Creates New "Booster Seat" Requirement

Children under the age of eight and less than four-feet, nine-inches tall will soon be required to ride in manufacturer-certified booster seats following the House passage of Senate Bill 82.

Motor-vehicle crashes are shown to be the largest cause of unintended injury and of death in children age eight and under. Requiring a booster seat will better position small children to fit the designs of safety features in motor vehicles, particularly safety-belt restraints and side curtain air bags.

Passage of Senate Bill 82 follows up on important work the House Transportation Committee did on this issue last summer. It is my hope that Governor Granholm signs this legislation without delay.

Creation of Autism Fund Approved by House

The House passed House Bills 5526 and 5528, both of which I co-sponsored, to create an Autism Research Fund and a state income tax checkoff whose proceeds will go directly into the fund. The heart-breaking increase in autism-related diagnoses, with some statistics showing that a child is diagnosed with an autism-spectrum disorder every 20 minutes, calls for much more research about this disorder, its causes, and its treatment.

These bills are small steps toward learning more about the autism-spectrum disorders that now affect so many families. □

T.L.C. FAMILY DENTISTRY

Dr. Kundan Sata, D.D.S.

10000 Wayne Road • Romulus
734-942-0560
30785 Ford Rd • Garden City
734-762-4852

- Emergencies Seen Same Day
- Nitrous Oxide Relaxation
- Most Insurance Welcome
- New Patients Welcome
- All Phases of Dentistry
- ZOOM 1 Hour Whitening \$299.00 - Limited Time Offer
- Exam & 2 Check-up X-rays \$29.00 - New Patients Only



Beirut RESTAURANT

THE BEST . . . OF THE BEST

Middle Eastern, American,
Mixed Grill & Much More
- BANQUETS & CATERING -

Try Our Sandwiches, Shawarma,
Fresh Salad, & Juice
Open 7 Days

7650 Merriman • Romulus
734-326-1000

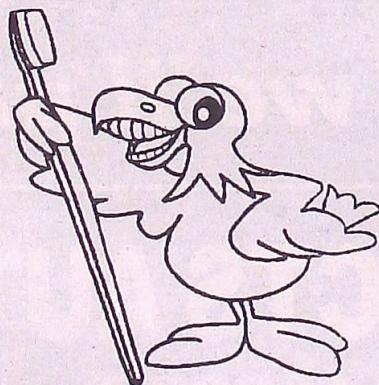


ROMULUS FAMILY DENTAL, P.C.

Rhonda J. Hennessy, D.D.S.

New Patients Welcome

- Air Abrasion
- Nitrous Oxide
- Reasonable Fees
- All Phases of Dentistry
- Emergency Treatment
- Day, Evening, & Saturday Appointments



37235 Goddard • Romulus, MI
Near Five-Points Intersection
734-941-0343

ROOM FOR RENT

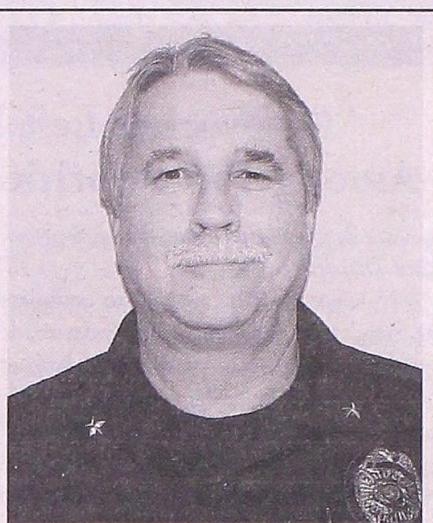
Looking for mature person (age 40+)
to rent a room in my Romulus home.

\$500/month includes kitchen
privileges, access to sitting room
w/TV, and washer/dryer use.
Call 734-942-1215
and leave a message.

Airport Police Chief Named to ALEAN

Wayne County Airport Authority Police Chief Edward Glomb has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Airport Law Enforcement Agencies Network (ALEAN), a national, nonprofit organization with nearly 100 airport member agencies. ALEAN facilitates the communication of intelligence among airport law enforcement agencies worldwide. Airports in Canada and the United Kingdom, as well as agencies such as the FBI, Interpol, and the US Secret Service, maintain adjunct memberships.

"I am honored to be selected for this Board," said Glomb. "ALEAN plays a significant role in the ability of airports to share real-time intelligence and in benchmarking best practices for airport law enforcement."



Edward Glomb

Taylor's Hamilton in *Brecht on Brecht*



Taylor resident Josh Hamilton (left), a sophomore theater major at Eastern Michigan University, is a featured performer in *Brecht on Brecht* at the EMU Theatre. The show – an eclectic mix of songs, poems, scenes, and other musings by one of the 20th century's most influential playwrights – explores paradoxical themes where comedy reveals tragedy, mirth accentuates sorrow, and lyrics counter melody. Tickets are still available for the final two shows (April 4 and 5, 7 p.m., in EMU's Sponberg Theatre). For further information, visit www.emich.edu/public/cta/ted or www.myspace.com/emutheatre.

Romulus APA Officers Sworn In



American Progressive Association Board of Directors members who were recently sworn in by 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley (back, left) were: (from left) front – Elsie Trivedi, treasurer; Della Hendricks, secretary; Sandy Crout, assistant treasurer; and Evelyn Foster, assistant secretary; back – Lloyd Coleman, vice-president; Bronson Bell, president; and Harry Crout, trustee. For information about APA meetings, please see the Community Calendar on page 8.

TOP \$\$\$\$ PAID for Junk, Disabled, or Wrecked Cars

**Drive it in
or
we'll pick it up!**

CTS AUTO PARTS
16007 Pardee • Taylor
(Just North of Wm. F. Sell)

(734) 282-1700

Cheryl & Co.

14120 Pennsylvania Rd. • Southgate, MI 48195 • 734-284-0086

Jalaina Stephens

Certified Master Nail Technician

Manicures & Pedicures

All Natural & Artificial Nail Services

"It's the Little Things That Count"
My Emphasis on Quality Products
and Superior Service Make
All the Difference in the Health
and Appearance of Your Nails



Call me for an appointment.

QUALITY ONE

AUTO REPAIR
36766 Goddard • Romulus, MI
734-955-3533

Auto Value **BUMPER TO BUMPER**

CERTIFIED SERVICE CENTER

WE NOW DO PLASTI-KOTE SPRAY-ON TRUCK BED LINERS
Call for appointment & more info

TRANSMISSION REPAIRS

FREE BRAKE INSPECTION
- OIL CHANGE -
Includes: 5 Qts. of House Oil, Oil Filter, Lube, and 27-point inspection. \$14.99
Expires: 05-02-08

10% SENIOR DISCOUNT
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

travel with confidenceplus
NORTH AMERICAN WARRANTY

Mr. Bill's

FAMILY DINING & COCKTAILS

Complete Lunch and Dinner Menus
- DAILY SPECIALS -

- ◆ Mon. Nite - 9:00 pm ◆
Texas Holdem'
- ◆ \$2.00 Tuesdays! ◆
\$2 Food & Drink Specials
- ◆ Wed. Nite - Karaoke ◆
and Ladies Nite
- ◆ Fri. & Sat. Nite ◆
Live! Top 40! Dance Music

- April 4th & 5th -

ONE-MAN BAND SEAN Z

- April 11th & 12th -

COHORT

41111 Huron River Drive
(734) 697-9800 Fax (734) 697-9861

HELPING HAND THRIFT SHOP

located on Huron River Dr., west of Five Points • 734-941-5323

is seeking contributions of:

- small and family-size hams, turkeys, & roasts •
- one-pound packages of ground beef • bacon • sausage •

as well as nonperishable food items such as:

- macaroni and cheese • boxed potatoes, pasta, and rice •
- peanut butter and jelly • canned goods of all kinds •

CASH DONATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME!

Contributions may be dropped off on:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Skilled Trades Workers Save City Money



Pictured in Fire Station #3's newly renovated kitchen is DPW supervisor Bob Mach (second from right) and his skilled-trades team of (from left) David Copple, Rob Ferris, Charley Johnson, and Dennis Harding. (Photo by Kathleen Trent)

Bob Mach, superintendent of the City of Taylor Department of Public Works, is proud of his department's Skilled Trades Division, which is comprised of workers who "know how to get the job done."

David Copple, Rob Ferris, Dennis Harding, and Charley Johnson are the DPW's primary skilled-trades workers. Copple is an HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor by trade, Ferris is an electrician, Harding is a carpenter and HVAC specialist, and Johnson is a master plumber.

Most recently, the talented group completed renovations at Taylor Fire Station #3, located on Eureka Road. The project included repainting the interior, installing new cabinetry and ceilings, renovating the firefighters' sleeping quarters, and installing new lighting, carpet, heating/cooling ventilation, and roofing.

"By doing the work 'in-house,' the City of Taylor saved thousands of dollars," said Mach. "These guys do a great job, and never complain about the workload."

The workload is intense. Not only do team members perform special projects like the fire station renovation, they are also in

charge of building maintenance for more than 50 City-owned structures, processing several hundred work orders each year for HVAC, plumbing, roof, and general maintenance repairs.

Other significant improvements made by the crew include:

- exterior and interior renovations at the Taylor Community Library.
- numerous renovations to the historical buildings in Heritage Park.
- renovation of the former main fire station (on Pine Street behind City Hall) to add a police crime lab, headquarters for the volunteer Taylor Auxiliary Police, and storage area for the City Clerk's files.
- construction of a new pump house and repair of aerators at Coan Lake in Heritage Park.
- completion of a new roof, exterior painting, duct work, and a parking lot at the Taylor Recreation Center.
- remodeling of the pool room and ping-pong room at the William D. Ford Senior Activity Center.
- renovations – including construction of a new stage – at the Sheridan Community Center. □



Yes! I want to do my part!

Please accept my donation of \$ _____
to be used for the construction of a new
Romulus Animal Shelter

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Send checks (made payable to "Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter") to:
Romulus City Hall • Treasurer's Office • 11111 Wayne Rd. • Romulus, MI 48174

Donations are tax deductible.

Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on a memorial plaque.

Donors of \$25 or more will be recognized in a "book of friends."

FLUFF-N-PUFF
- PET GROOMING -
36628 Goddard
Downtown Romulus
734-229-0005

Where You Are
PAWS-IT-IVLEY
SPECIAL TO US!
We Thank You!

Nails Trimmed
\$6.00

Belleville
Transmission
& Auto Service

Over 34 Years of Service
537-541 E. Huron River Drive
Belleville, MI 48111
734-699-7422
Fax: 734-699-7080

GOD BLESS
THE U.S.A.

MOTIVATIONAL
EMPOWERMENT
COUNSELING CENTER
& ASSOCIATES

Motivating People to
Empower Themselves to Conquer
& Overcome Their Problems

- Services Available -

- Substance-abuse Counseling
- Individual & Family Counseling
- Driver's License Assessment
- Suboxone Treatment (office-based treatment for opioid dependence)

www.meccaservices.org
734-721-0900

Countrywood
Florist

Administrative
Professionals Day
Wednesday, April 23rd

36724 Goddard Road
734-229-1100
34236 West Michigan Ave.
734-467-5400
www.dianesbloomers.com

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

RJ Perry
CARPENTRY, INC.
CONSTRUCTION

734-941-1500
36015 Goddard • Romulus, MI 48174
www.rjperry.com

- Office Remodels
- Additions
- Sunrooms
- Windows / Doors
- Kitchen & Bath Remodels
- Decks & Ramps
- Licensed & Insured
- Established in 1980

Please Support
Our Advertisers.
It's Their Purchase
of Space in
the little paper
that Keeps It
FREE
for the Community.
Thanks!

Dave's & Company

- Full Service -
Barber Shop & Hair Salon

- Creative Perming •
- Haircoloring • Paneling
- Highlights & Lowlights •

37148 Goddard Road
Romulus, MI 48174
734-941-0123

Daily Lunch & Dinner Specials
DINE IN or CARRY OUT



WINGS
BAR & GRILL
Located at the
DAYS INN HOTEL
9501 Middlebelt • Romulus
734-946-4300



\$1.00 Off Lunch
..... or

\$2.00 Off Dinner
Expires 4/17/08

ECORSE QUALITY
ELECTRICAL SERVICE

29653 Ecorse Rd • Romulus
(3 Blks. W. of Middlebelt)
734-729-3640

COMPLETE
AUTO & TRUCK
REPAIR

STARTERS & ALTERNATORS
REBUILT or NEW!

Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

SPAGHETTI
DINNER
FUND-RAISER!
Saturday, April 19th
4 to 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

11160 Olive • Romulus
In honor of Michelle Orme, wife
of firefighter Andy Orme

All proceeds will be pledged to
3-day Breast Cancer Walk participants
Nicole Adams and Sabrina Miles who
will be walking on behalf of all women.
Admission: Donation

ROMULUS AUTO REPAIR

FOR YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS

"12 Years in the Same Location"

36110 Goddard • Romulus, MI

734-955-8337

Monday thru Saturday 8 am - 5 pm

MASTER MECHANIC ON DUTY



Engine Light On?
ENGINE ANALYSIS

Code Reading **\$25.00**

Not valid with any other offers. Most vehicles.
Coupon must be presented at time of write-up.



10% Senior Discount



We Do All Major & Minor Repairs

- Engines •
- & Transmissions
- New or Used •
- 4 x 4 Repairs •
- Welding •
- & Fabricating
- Trailer Repair •
- Electrical •

NOW OPEN
SATURDAY

American Progressive Association's Soul Food Dinner Drew Full House



More than 100 people took part in a Soul Food Dinner sponsored by the American Progressive Association of Romulus. The free community event – held at the Coleman Center on March 28 – was a wonderful opportunity to share good food and good fellowship. Those who volunteered food, funds, and/or time to make the event such a big success included APA Board of Directors members Bronson Bell (president), Lloyd Coleman (vice-president), Elsie Trivedi (treasurer), Della Hendricks (secretary), Romulus Community Schools Board of Education trustee Sandy Crout (assistant treasurer), Evelyn Foster (assistant secretary), and Romulus City Councilman Harry Crout (trustee), as well as Brenda Alexander, Marie Butler, Charles Hendricks, Annie Hendrix, and Roy Williams.

2008 SPRING FLEA MARKET – APRIL 10th, 11th, & 12th

St. Paul's Lutheran Church • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each Day

19109 Craig Street • New Boston • 734-753-9048



CONGRATULATIONS!



The Romulus Rotary Club congratulates Head Coach Nate Oats and the Romulus High School boys' varsity basketball team on their exciting 2007–2008 season. After winning the Mega Red Conference with a 12–0 record, the team went on to achieve district and regional championships before being eliminated in the state semifinals.



Pictured are: (from left) front – Cody Barnes, Rashard Porter, Filmore Bouldes, Dominique Buckley, Valdez Green, Mario Crawford, and Demetrius Price; middle – Tierra Green, Laron Rodgers, Donnavin Searcy, Derek Kinney, DeAndray Buckley, Stafan Jenkins, Devin Pankey, and Jazmine Bass; back – Shanice Anderson, Josh Baker, Steve Glenn, Will Clyburn, Josh Elliott, Martell Anderson, Nate Oats, Donzell Carter, and Tiffany Clark.

Photo by Life Touch

Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

Belleville

Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser for Wayne County Fairgrounds

A Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser will be held at the Wayne County Fair Grounds (10871 Quirk Road) on Saturday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Highlights of the event will include a 50/50 raffle, fresh pie and cookie raffle, and Chinese auction.

Cost for dinner is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children. Beer and wine will be sold separately. All proceeds will be used by the Wayne County Fair Association (a nonprofit organization) for fair grounds upkeep.

Call Mary Zellner (734-942-1684) or Greg Barnett (734-751-1018) for details.

Brownstown Township

Township Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Board of Trustees will be held at Township Hall (21313 Telegraph Road) on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month.

For information, visit the Township's Web site: www.brownstown-mi.org.

Pet Clinic

Brownstown will hold its annual Inoculations & Licenses Clinic for dogs and cats at the Township's new Animal Control Shelter (an addition to the DPW building, behind Township Hall) on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Senior citizens and others who have trouble standing in line for an extended period of time are invited to arrive early (at 9 a.m.) for special service.

For details on shots and license fees, visit www.brownstown-mi.org and click on Departments, then Animal Control.

Huron Township

Spring Flea Market at St. Paul

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to its Spring Flea Market, to be held Thursday, April 10, through Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

To learn more, call 734-753-9048.

Nursery Now Accepting Enrollment

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Classes prepare three- and four-year-olds for kindergarten both academically and socially, and also include enrichment features like field trips, music, crafts, and exercise.

Because parents help run the nonprofit school, tuition is very reasonable.

For information about HCCN – located in St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church – call the nursery (734-753-5978) or Bambi Shelley (734-778-0520).

Romulus

Voter Registration Deadline

Residents who want to take part in the Romulus Community Schools' annual election, but are not yet registered to vote, must register by Monday, April 7.

For information, call the Romulus City Clerk's Office: 734-942-7540.

Hopgood Hosts Coffee Talk

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites his constituents to attend his next Coffee Talk to share their ideas and concerns about State government. The free program will be held at Romulus House Restaurant (9110 Wayne Road) on Monday, April 7, from 4 to 6 p.m.

American Progressive Association Meets

The next meeting of the American Progressive Association of Romulus will be held at the Thomas Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road) on Tuesday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Board of Directors meets from 5 to 6 p.m.) Meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month.

"Legacy Five" in Concert

Bethany Bible Church of Belleville will present "Legacy Five" in concert in the auditorium at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, or \$14 at the door (if available).

For information, call 734-697-7456 or visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com.

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held at Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To reserve a time, call Linda McNeil at 734-729-2614 or 734-942-7520.

Weight Loss Through Hypnotherapy

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a Weight Reduction Through Hypnotherapy session on Saturday, April 12, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25. Deadline for registration is Thursday, April 10.

For location and other details, call the Recreation Office: 734-941-8665.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *Blue Shoe* by Anne Lamott (April 14),
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (May 12),
- *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger (June 9), and
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (July 14).

For more information, ask a librarian or call 734-942-7589.

Kids Programs Celebrate National Library Week

The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) will offer the following kids' programs during National Library Week:

- "Grandma Green Bean the Clown" (Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m.) and
- "Puppet Show" (Wednesday, April 16, at 5 p.m.).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street). The public is welcome.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

Student Organizes Dinner Fund-raiser for Animal Shelter

To fulfill some of the requirements of his Senior Project, Romulus High School senior Justin Kuderik has organized a dinner fund-raiser to benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. The dinner – to be held at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Friday, April 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – will feature a menu of chicken, meatballs, pasta, desserts, and more.

For tickets (\$5 for senior citizens and children; \$7 for all other adults), call Justin at 734-624-1612 or send him an e-mail at kudertot@hotmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser Supports 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk

A Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Michelle Orme (wife of firefighter Andy Orme) will be held at Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) on Saturday, April 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Admission: donation. Proceeds will be pledged to 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk participants Nicole Adams and Sabrina Miles, who will walk "on behalf of all women."

Used Book Sale

The semiannual Friends of the Library used book sale will be held at the library (11121 Wayne Road) April 21-23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and April 26 from noon to 5 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, sale items will be available at the following prices:

- adult hardcovers – \$1.50,
- adult large paperbacks – \$1,

- adult paperbacks – \$.50,
- children's hardcovers – \$.50,
- children's paperbacks – \$.25, and
- videos, DVDs, CDs, & records – \$1.

Biggest book bargains will be found on Saturday, when shoppers will be able to take home a bagful of books for just \$2.25.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Bowl-a-Thon Benefits Animal Shelter

A 9-Pin/No-Tap Tournament to be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, will benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter.

A cost of \$25 per person for handicap doubles or singles events also includes men's and ladies' mystery games, snacks, and cash prizes. Advance registration is required.

For information, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200) or Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616).

Bird Fair

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club will host its eleventh annual Bird Fair at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature birds (including exotics from Africa, Asia, South America, and Australia) and related products for sale.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children 12 and under get in free.

For details, call Tammy and Dave at 734-422-5981.

Youth Craft Projects Have Holiday Themes

One-day craft classes for local youths will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturday, May 3 (Mother's Day theme), and Saturday, June 7 (Father's Day theme). Both classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

School Board Election

The annual election for the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Romulus City Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540.

"Mom 2 Mom" Sale

Shop for gently used children's items at the Romulus Recreation Department's upcoming "Mom 2 Mom" sale, to be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Street) on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aisles will be wide enough for strollers, so bring the little ones with you!

Rental space (10'x8' with table) is \$20. Concessions will be available. Space is limited; register early.

Visit www.mom2momlist.com for more information, or call 734-941-8665.

continued on page 9

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, **the little paper** will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

the little paper

P.O. Box 74038
Romulus, MI 48174-0038

Baby's Name _____

Birthdate _____ Time _____

Weight _____ Length _____

Birthplace _____

Parents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Siblings _____

Maternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Paternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, **the little paper** will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

the little paper

P.O. Box 74038
Romulus, MI 48174-0038

Bride's Name _____

City _____ State _____

Groom's Name _____

City _____ State _____

Bride's Parents _____

City _____ State _____

Groom's Parents _____

City _____ State _____

Bridesmaids _____

Groomsmen _____

Date of Engagement _____

Date of Wedding _____

Place _____

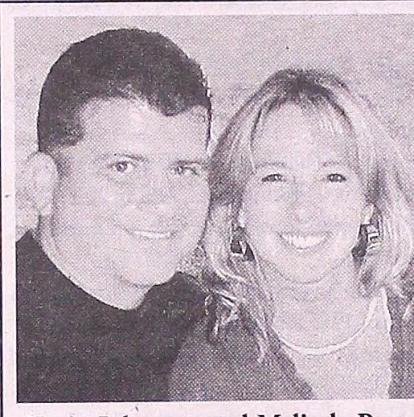
City _____ State _____

Reception _____

City _____ State _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Wedding Bells**Kevin Johnston and Melinda Perez**

Kevin Johnston and Melinda Perez

Melinda Joy Perez, who plan to marry on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

The couple, who have been together for four years, will exchange their wedding vows at Mon Bel Ami chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Attending the ceremony will be Melinda's parents, Ray and Marcia Bone.

A reception for the Johnstons will be held at a later date.

Kevin – the son of the late Lorne and Bea Johnston – is the vice-president of Johnston Lithograph, Inc. (Romulus, MI).

Melinda is a nurse at Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (Trenton, MI) and nurse manager at Atlantis Home Health Care, Inc. (Canton, MI). □

Community Calendar

continued from page 8

Museum, Historic House Tours

The Romulus Historical Museum and the historic Samuel L. Kingsley home – located on Hunt Street in the downtown area – are open to the public each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

Taylor**"Dahlia Day"**

The Michigan Dahlia Association is sponsoring a program to help all dahlia growers and would-be growers get ready for the 2008 growing season. Dahlia experts will demonstrate how and when to take dahlias from storage, how to check for eyes and divide clumps, and how to start tubers indoors, prepare your garden soil, and plant, stake, feed, and spray your dahlias. Also available will be information about obtaining quality tubers, a list of outstanding dahlia Web sites, a schedule of 2008 dahlia shows and events, and beautiful pictures.

The Dahlia Day program will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road, between Eureka and Northline) on Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Everything is free. Open to the public. **Hopgood Hosts Coffee Talk**

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites his constituents to attend his next Coffee Talk to share their ideas and concerns about State government. The free program will be held at the Downriver Council for Arts (20904 Northline Road) on Friday, April 11, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Dinner/Auction

Light and Life Christian School (8900 Pardee Road) will host a dinner, silent auction, and live auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11. The event will also feature a "moonwalk" and games for children in grades K-5.

Dinner is \$2.

For information, call 313-292-1660.

"Mom 2 Mom" Sale

A "Mom 2 Mom" Sale will be held at St. John Lutheran School (13115 Telegraph Road) on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is \$1.

"Battle of the Bands"

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is sponsoring a Battle of the Bands contest for Taylor-based groups at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at the Heritage Park Activity Building (12115 Pardee Road). Bands that met the March 26 registration deadline will be separated into categories and judged on performance, style, and content.

Area music fans are invited to come out and cheer for their favorite local band. Tickets (available at the door) are \$5 for students and senior citizens; \$7 for all other adults. Refreshments will be available for an additional charge.

For information, call 734-374-4033.

Elsewhere**"A Night at Arnaldo's"**

The Men's Club at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Boston will hold a Spring Dinner Dance at Arnaldo's Banquet Center (18275 Quarry Street, Riverview) on Saturday, April 19. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Other attractions will be live entertainment by "Brian the Entertainer" and prizes.

Tickets – \$30 per person – must be purchased by Sunday, April 6. Open bar will also be available. For information, call the church office: 734-753-9048.

Laurel & Hardy Fan Club

The next meeting of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy Fan Club, will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Mama Mia's Restaurant (27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster). Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Frank Spunar at 734-955-2487 □

“Sassy Seniors” News

For more information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate senior center or other organization.

Brownstown

21311 Telegraph • 734-675-0920

Potluck & Games Night

The Brownstown Senior Center's next Potluck & Games Night is set for Monday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a \$.50 donation, or come without a dish and make a \$3 donation. (The Center provides a meat dish and beverages.) Advance registration (at the Recreation desk) is required.

Bingo Breakfast

The Senior Center's next Bingo Breakfast is set for Monday, April 21, at 9 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee will be the menu for the morning.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested from those not playing bingo. Register in advance at the Recreation desk.

Adult Enrichment Classes

The Brownstown Senior Center will be offering several new enrichment classes for ages 18 and up. Classes (which begin June 2, unless otherwise noted) will include:

- **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes** – beginner (10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents) and advanced (11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents);
- **Acrylic Painting** – 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Watercolor Painting** – 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Digital Photography** – 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Scrapbooking** – 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays; start date TBA; \$40 per person.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of just \$1, Brownstown seniors can ride the Center's bus to Southland on Tuesday, April 29.

Reserve a seat in person or by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

Travel Club Fund-raiser

The Brownstown Senior Travel Club is inviting the public to attend a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Community Center on Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.

Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 4–10; kids 3 and under eat free. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold at the dinner.

Proceeds will be used to help reduce the price of trips for club members.

Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon),
- bowling (Fridays through April 25, 1 p.m., Flat Rock Lanes), and
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class).

Call for more information.

“Service with Love”

Brownstown senior citizens (age 55 or older) living alone or as a couple can enjoy a safer, more secure life by signing up for “Service with Love.” The free program – especially beneficial for those who are homebound or suffering from a life-threatening condition – features a friendly phone call each weekday morning to confirm your well-being.

Call the Center for a registration form.

Romulus

36525 Bibbins • 734-955-4120

Spring Lunch at Cory Elementary

The staff and students at Cory Elementary are inviting Romulus seniors to lunch at the school on Tuesday, April 22. Bus transportation will depart from the Senior Center at noon.

Advance sign-up is required.

Lunch Out

Destinations for this month's lunch outings are Applebee's (Friday, April 11) and Max and Erma's (Friday, April 25). Bus will depart at 11 a.m.

Advance registration is required.

“Wii” Have Fun at the Senior Center!

Get moving and have a good time doing it by playing “virtual” bowling, golf, and tennis games on the Senior Center's Wii system. Better yet, bring a friend to compete against, and double your fun!

Scrapbooking/Card-making Class

The Senior Center's next scrapbooking/card-making class is set for Thursday, April 10, at 3 p.m.

Call for more information.

Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

Culinary Class

Get tips on food preparation and presentation in the Romulus Senior Center's next culinary class, set for Friday, April 18, at 11 a.m. Featured dishes will be chicken marsala with wine sauce, steamed vegetables, a side salad, and a surprise dessert.

Cost to be announced (no more than \$10). Preregistration is required. Everyone is welcome!

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's van, free of charge, for Monday morning (9:30 a.m.) shopping trips to:

- Wal-Mart (April 14), and
- Kmart (April 21).

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

Special Trips

Call the Senior Center for more information about any of the following trips.

- **Cornwell's Turkeyville USA** (Tuesday, April 15; \$75),
- **Windsor Racetrack** (Wednesday, April 23; \$10),
- **Historic Sauder Village** (Friday, May 2; \$70),
- **Holland Tulip Festival** (May 6–7; \$150), and
- **Frankenmuth/Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** (May 13; \$22).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly “Ask the Attorney” program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Center.

As always, both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

This month's menu includes stuffed cabbage, pork chops, seafood salad, and fried chicken.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

Taylor

6750 Troy • 313-291-7740

Women's Expo

Fashion shows, cosmetic makeovers, food sampling, cooking demonstrations, home-decorating ideas, remodeling tips (courtesy of celebrity carpenter Carter Oosterhouse), health screenings, wellness tips, and more will be featured at the Michigan International Women's Show, to be held at the Novi Expo Center.

The Center's bus will depart on Thursday, May 1, at 9 a.m., and return to the Center at approximately 5 p.m.

Cost is \$9.50 plus lunch on your own. Advance registration required.

Critics Needed

Dr. W. Steven Watson is looking for senior citizens' input on some television commercials that he is planning to air. “Critics” will view about 15 minutes of ads, then answer some questions about them.

If you would like to participate, call or stop in at the Center to preregister.

Spring Fling

The Ford Senior Center's Spring Fling will be held on Friday, May 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. Highlights of the event will include live music performed by Solitaire and food catered by Veronica's.

Tickets are \$12 per person. Deadline for purchase is Friday, April 25.

“Singin' in the Rain”

Fans of the classic film starring Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor will be sure to enjoy this musical production at the Trenton Theatre on Saturday, April 12. The bus will depart from the Center at 4:30 p.m. and return at about 10 p.m.

Cost is \$12 plus dinner on your own. Advance sign-up is required.

“An Afternoon at the Movies”

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out a first-run movie (with complimentary popcorn and beverages) on Tuesday, April 15. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration is required.

Golf Registration

Registration for the *Monday Men's Meadows League* is open through the month of April. Fee is \$15.

The *Lakes Mixed League* and *Lakes Men's League* also will accept registrations throughout April. Fee is \$9 for each.

Registration for the *Wednesday Senior Mixed League* (substitutes only) is open through April, as well. Fee is \$5.

Free Health Screening

On Wednesday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, Wayne County senior citizens age 60 and up can get a number of free health tests (vital signs/blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol, complete blood count, urinalysis, and hemoccult) at the Ford Senior Center. (People 50 to 59 are welcome, too, but must pay for lab work.)

Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information, including a list of your medications.

Although there is no charge for the screenings, donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the program.

Call the Center for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

Stop in at the Center for a free blood pressure check between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on the following Thursdays: April 10, April 17, and April 24. □

Obituaries

Stella Bunnell

Stella Bunnell – a longtime resident of Romulus, Michigan – passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Sunrise Assisted Living at North Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor, MI), where she had resided for the past five years. She was 99 years old.

The daughter of the late Vincent Szucs and Sophia Keszey was born on Sunday, November 1, 1908, in Delray (which later became part of Detroit), Michigan.

When Stella was about 12, her family moved to Belleville, Michigan, to a farm across from Belleville Lake. After graduating from Belleville High School in 1926, she attended Michigan State Normal College (Ypsilanti, MI) and obtained a Life Certificate in teaching. During Stella's junior year, Mr. Mryon, superintendent of Belleville schools, called her out of college to ask if she would teach fifth grade. She spoke fondly about her years teaching in Belleville, finding it very rewarding and pleasurable, and even wondering why she should be paid for doing something that fun. There is a large mural of her, standing with her 1934 fifth-grade class, in the Meijer store in Belleville.

In 1934, Stella married Garnett A. Bunnell of Romulus. During the Depression, women who married while teaching were automatically released, so she eloped, keeping her marriage a secret, except from family and close friends. In the fall of 1934, she accepted a teaching position in a one-room school, the East Tyler School in Romulus, teaching grades K-8. She spoke of her experience of teaching all the grades as a wonderful opportunity to develop a com-

munity of learners, working together. In 1956, she returned to teaching after a hiatus for raising her children. She completed her bachelor of science degree at Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti), and then taught at the Gordonier School in Romulus until her retirement in 1972.

Stella was active with Community United Methodist Church (Romulus) and the Romulus Literary Club. She stayed physically active, ice skating in her backyard and Lower Huron Metropolitan Park, and swimming in Lake Huron in East Tawas, where the Bunnell family owned a log cabin cottage for 58 years. She also loved round and square dancing, and participated in the Senior Band in Belleville until she was in her early nineties.

This remarkable woman will be missed.

Garnett, Stella's husband, was a businessman in the Romulus community. He owned the Ford dealership, Bunnell Brothers, until 1959, and later owned two other businesses in Romulus.

Stella was the loving mother of four children, Ronald Bunnell (Belleville), Janet (Gary) Haas (Northville, MI), Robert (Ellen) Bunnell (Glasgow, KY), and Carol Ilvonen (Denver, CO). Seven grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren also survive her.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 2, at Community United Methodist Church, with her son, Pastor Robert Bunnell, officiating.

Memorial contributions to CUMC (11160 Olive Street, Romulus, MI 48174) or the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Dorothy M. "Dot" Hay

great-great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Jess C. and Mildred (Browning) Nelson; and 2 sisters, Catherine and Juanita.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 3, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus), with Reverend David K. Stewart (First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial contributions to Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street, Romulus, MI 48174) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Dorothy M. "Dot" Hay of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2008, in Livonia, Michigan. She was 83 years old.

The native of Sparta, Illinois, was born on Wednesday, September 24, 1924.

Dot was the co-owner (along with her husband, the late Hazen P. "Ping" Hay) of Hay Heating and Plumbing. She was a woman who enjoyed being "in the know." Dot's interests included cooking, sewing, and cross-stitching. She was also a member of the Progressive Club of Romulus.

Surviving Dot are her son, Larry (Marian) Hay (Bear, DE); her daughter, Karen S. Gregory (Polk City, FL); 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 4

Conrad J. Samonek

Conrad J. Samonek of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System (Ann Arbor, MI). He was 72 years old.

The son of the late Joseph R. Samonek and Irene (Zimba) Tuxford was born in Sumpter Township, Michigan, on November 26, 1935.

Conrad was raised in Sylvania, Ohio, where he graduated from Burnham High School in 1953. He was a member of the school's award-winning Marching Band as well as the Drama Club, and had the leading part in a favorite high-school play, *My Little Margie*.

In the 1950s, Conrad proudly served in the US Marine Corps, and was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. Later, he was a residential home builder and also taught building trades at Romulus High School.

He was a long-standing member of the Belleville (MI) community and belonged to numerous service organizations, including the Shriners, Elks, Moose, and American Legion.

He married Alberta Domen of Belleville in 1957.

Surviving Conrad are his wife; 4 children, Conrad "Sam" (Diana) Samonek (Belleville), Robin Morris, Craig (Shawn) Samonek (Belleville), and Julie (Mike) Campbell; 13 grandchildren, Robert, Maranda, Scott, Warren, Varonica, Audra, Ashley, Courtney, Ryan, Joe, Tori, Justin, and Elise; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Robert (Nancy) Samonek (Trinidad, TX) and Jerry (Betty) Samonek (Mabank, TX); a sister, Joyce Samonek (Chazy, NY); and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, and nieces.

Among those who predeceased him were his grandparents, Stanley and Francis Samonek and Roman and Julia Zimba.

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 28, with Reverend William Kren officiating. Conrad donated his body to the University of Michigan Hospital to further others' education and research. Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to any charitable organization would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Mourners may sign the guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Inola Singleton

Inola Singleton of Romulus, Michigan, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, March 29, 2008, after passing away at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI). She was 88 years old.

The daughter of the late Archie and Georgia (Murrell) Thompson was born in Tullahassee, Oklahoma, on Monday, March 31, 1919.

Inola relocated from Detroit to Belleville, Michigan in 1972. In 1991, she moved to the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building, where she enjoyed attending many special activities.

Inola was a very active member of the Pleasant Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church (Sumpter Township, MI), where she especially loved participating in Bible studies programs. She was also a volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, delivering flowers to the patients. Before her illness, Inola enjoyed bowling. She was a well-liked, caring person who worked diligently in her church and loved her family.

Surviving Inola are a daughter, Sedalia Bonarge; 4 grandchildren, Marcellia E.

Ingram (Detroit), Hearthon "Tommy" Thompson (OK), Terry Thompson (OK), and Talish Thompson (OK); 11 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Archie Clark (Tulsa, OK); and a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, Harvey Singleton (who passed away on March 20, 1988); a son, Hearthon Thompson (1986); a son-in-law, Vanderbilt Bonarge (March 30, 2004); a grandson, Van Harvey Bonarge (December 29, 1977); and 4 sisters.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 2, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Paul Mugala officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to the building fund for Pleasant Valley AME Church (45620 Victoria Street, Belleville, MI 48111) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Mourners may sign the guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com. □

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

TRUE HEALTH chiropractic

Jeremiah M. Shaft D.C.

9340 Wayne Rd • Suite 100
Romulus, MI 48174
734-941-2211

Romulus Family Dental, P.C.

37235 Goddard
(Near 5-Points)
Romulus, MI



734-941-0343

Rhonda J. Hennessy, D.D.S.

Belleville Transmission & Auto Service

Over 34 Years of Service

537-541 E. Huron River Drive
Belleville, MI 48111

734-699-7422
Fax: 734-699-7080

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

FREE
APPLICATION

The Barrington Apartment Homes

Offering 1 month
free rent with a move-in
by 5/2/2008



Features Include:
• 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
• 24-hour Fitness Center
• Swimming Pool
• Pet Friendly
• Gated Community
• Extra Storage Room

734-941-7070

Located off of I-94 on Wayne Rd.
next to Romulus High School
9960 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus

Wild Willy's Chill & Grill

LIVE MUSIC

Every Friday & Saturday Night

6221 Middlebelt • South of Van Born
734-722-5560

WELCOME HOMETOWN RENTING

Apartment • House • Store • Office

Prime Locations & Schools

Expressways & Shopping

- LAMBERT PROPERTIES -
734-941-1616

WEEKLY
RATE
\$125.00
one person

DAILY
RATE
\$34.95
per nite

With this ad only
METRO INN
8230 Merriman Rd. • N. of I-94
734-729-7600
WE BEAT ALL COMPETITORS' PRICES

With this ad only

OAKLEY & ROBINSON, P.L.L.C.

Attorneys at Law

36830 Goddard Road • P.O.Box 74086
Romulus, MI 48174

www.romuluslaw.com

734-941-1920 • Fax: 734-941-0026

RODEWAY INN

North of I-94
Merriman at Wickham
Next to Hilton
734-595-1990

AIRPORT'S MOST AFFORDABLE
FREE HBO • CNN • ESPN
AIRPORT SHUTTLE AVAILABLE

WEEKLY
Microwave - Fridge
\$135⁷⁵
Free Local Calls

DAILY
Sun. - Thurs.
\$36²⁰
Plus Tax - Single

FAMILY DENTISTRY

Ronald N. Mizikow, D.D.S., P.C.

NEW ZOOM! ADVANCED

A Brighter,
Whiter Smile
in About an Hour
\$299.00
Limited Time Offer

Accepting Visa, Mastercard & Discover
13727 Huron River Dr • Romulus • 941-0010

Everingham Chiropractic Health Center, P.C.

"FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE"

Dr. Craig J. Everingham

- Open 6 Days -

12100 Huron River Drive • Romulus
734-941-5620 • Fax: 734-941-1763
www.everinghamchiropractic.com

Advertising in Our
Business Directory Will
Direct Business Your Way!
\$144 = Your Ad in the
Business Directory
for 3 Months!
(6 Consecutive Issues)
Just Call 734-941-1907

T.L.C. Family Dentistry

Dr. Kundan Sata, D.D.S.

Cosmetic, Restorative, General

- Nitrous Oxide Relaxation
- New Patients Welcome
- Emergencies Seen-Same Day



10000 S. Wayne Road • Romulus

734-942-0560

30785 Ford Road • Garden City

734-762-4852

Queenie's Detail Shop

A Full-Detail Clean-up Shop
and Hand Car Wash

Wash & Wax
\$50
with
this
ad

- THURSDAY -
\$10
Ladies
Day
Wash Inside & Out,
Vacuum, Windows, & Tires

36050 Goddard • 734-247-4552

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER!

Saturday, April 19, 2008 • 4 to 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11160 Olive (Corner of Bibbins) • Romulus, Michigan

In honor of Michelle Orme, wife of firefighter Andy Orme

All proceeds will be pledged to 3-day Breast Cancer Walk

participants Nicole Adams and Sabrina Miles,

who will be walking on behalf of all women.

Admission: Donation

End Breast Cancer